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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I'm a small business owner who depends on an independent broadband service provider that offers a highly competitive rate and personalized customer service. Local providers are crucial to supporting people like me, who run a business on a very small budget and rely on local support.

It's undemocratic to eliminate competition. We should be making every effort to support small business owners, not subsidizing large companies that already have many advantages.

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